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**" METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RETRIEVING VISUAL OBJECT  
CATEGORIES FROM A DATABASE CONTAINING IMAGES "**

described and claimed in the specification filed on March 30, 2004 and assigned application serial no 10/813,201.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, in the above-referenced application, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the Declaration.

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